

Ways we can Help You

A Message to Teachers

The Temecula Public Library welcomes the opportunity to provide the best possible library experience for you and your students. The Children's Library has been designed to be a place that encourages exploration and growth for children of all ages and abilities. Please stop by the Youth Services Desk and introduce yourself to our staff. We look forward to meeting you!

Free Library Cards: Library cards are free! Complete a short application and show identification with your current address to get a library card. After your initial checkout limit of two items, you may borrow up to 30 items.

Friends Bookstore: Used books may be purchased for a small fee at the Friends of the Temecula Libraries Bookstore. This can help you build a classroom library and support library programs.

Homework Helpers: Printed Homework Helpers can assist students in search of materials on topics such as California Missions, Planets, Science Projects or Temecula History. Ask the Children's Librarian!

Library Tours: The library staff is happy to offer one library tour per class per school year, as scheduling allows. Highlights include: Temecula history, how to get a library card, computers, fiction vs. non-fiction and Storytime. Please call one month ahead to schedule a tour. Please advise us if students are studying a special topic.

Materials to Borrow: Books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, compact discs, and e-books may be borrowed with a library card. Most items are free to borrow for two weeks. Items returned late will be charged a late fine.

Online Resources:

- Biography in Context
- Career Transitions
- Infotrac General Reference Center Gold
- Literature Resource Center
- Mango
- One Click Digital
- Overdrive
- Tuition Funding Sources
- World Book Online

Reference Services: The library staff is available to assist you in utilizing the online catalog and to offer reader's advisory.

Requests: There is no charge to request an item from libraries within the Riverside Library System, San Bernardino Library System and Santa Clarita libraries. You will be notified via email or phone that your item is available. You have 10 days to pick up your item.

Teachers and students can arrange to have the public library materials transferred to their school through the Temecula District Office. Please visit the Temecula Public Library to arrange this service.

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School Site Visits: The Library staff is happy to visit your school, as scheduling allows. Please call at least one month in advance to arrange a visit to your school.

S.N.A.P.L. (Special Needs Access at your Public Library): Information on special needs can be found in the S.N.A.P.L. collection in the Children's Library. S.N.A.P.L. Storytime introduces young children to the joys of books and offers sensory and fine motor skill activities. Our PAL (Play and Learn Island) encourages children of all abilities to explore, interact, and communicate with the world around them.

Special Collections: The Children's Library maintains special collections on frequent report topics like California Missions, Science Experiments, and States to assist students doing projects.

Storytimes & Programs: Storytimes for children of all ages, a Bilingual (Spanish/English) Storytime, and a Pajama Storytime for families are offered. Free educational family programs are held on Wednesday afternoons. Children may improve their reading skills in the library's Paws to Read program or they may expand their reading interests by participating in our Book Buzz Club for children ages 9-12.

Summer Reading Program: Children can earn prizes and improve their reading skills during summer break by enrolling in the Summer Reading Program.

Technology Homework Center: The THC is available for use by students Mon-Thurs 3-6 pm and Sun 1-5 pm. Computers and TVUSD textbooks are available to use in the THC with school ID.

Tutoring: High school volunteers earn community service hours by tutoring other students at the library. Free peer tutors are available for students K-12 on a first-come, first-serve basis during the hours the THC is open. Free online homework help is available 1-10 pm daily on Brainfuse, one of our online databases.

Ways You Can Help Us

To ensure that students who utilize library resources for assignments have a positive learning experience:

Assign your students a wide selection of titles or topics. Each library only has one or two copies of a single title. Students may request books from other libraries, but materials may take a week or more to arrive. Allow students to use reference materials, journal articles, and online databases.

Consult the librarian when preparing reading lists. The library may not own some of the books you require. The library has developed a number of reading lists which are available to assist you.

Accelerated Reader

Thousands of books are Accelerated Reader titles. The public library shelves books according to the Dewey Decimal System, not Accelerated Reader levels. Finding a specific AR level book can be difficult. To help students and parents avoid frustration, please encourage them to place requests online from home for desired titles. When notified the book is available, simply pick it up at the library. AR books are listed on the following websites: www.arbookfind.com and <http://destiny.tvusd.k12.ca.us/>.

Encourage student to write down assignments before leaving class and to draw their own illustrations for reports or photocopy illustrations from books to prevent damage of library materials.

Instruct students to document their report sources while doing research at the library.

Notify the library of major assignments in advance. Visit the library to determine what resources are available. The first students visiting the library usually get the best selection of available materials on that topic. Teachers can assist by offering a choice of topics or staggering assignments.

Schedule class tours at least one month in advance and let us know your particular needs.

Tips for Teachers



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